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## **TWO MEXICAN MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRING TO TRANSPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS FOR PROFIT**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Mexican men pleaded guilty in federal court today to operating a business together of transporting illegal aliens.

**Felix Rojas-Magana**, 35, and **Adrian Alvarado-Bonilla**, 27, both citizens of Mexico, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to charges contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 20, 2005, in Kansas City.

By pleading guilty, **Rojas-Magana** and **Alvarado-Bonilla** admitted that they participated in a conspiracy to transport illegal aliens within the United States and to harbor illegal aliens.

**Rojas-Magana** and **Alvarado-Bonilla** operated a business of transporting illegal aliens from at least as early as May 31 to June 9, 2005, Graves said. The business involved **Rojas-Magana** and **Alvarado-Bonilla** arranging for the pick up of illegal aliens and transporting them from one location to another within the United States, charging a fee to the illegal aliens.

Specifically, **Rojas-Magana** admitted that he illegally entered the United States on May 31, 2005. Some time prior to that, **Alvarado-Bonilla** admitted that he was recruited by an unknown individual in Mexico to illegally re-enter the United States, then pick up illegal aliens in Phoenix, Ariz., and transport them to another state. According to **Rojas-Magana**, **Alvarado-Bonilla** recruited him to assist in the operation, Graves said.

On June 4, 2005, **Alvarado-Bonilla** illegally re-entered the United States, then received a green 1993 Plymouth Voyager van from an unknown individual at the Fruit City Grocery Store in Phoenix. On the same day, **Alvarado-Bonilla** picked up **Rojas-Magana** and drove the van to a house in Phoenix, where they loaded 11 illegal aliens for transport to Tennessee. Each of the illegal aliens had paid an unknown smuggler in Mexico between \$1,000 and \$1,800 for their

transportation across the United States border.

By pleading guilty, **Rojas-Magana** and **Alvarado-Bonilla** admitted that they transported illegal aliens within the United States on June 9, 2005, in Camden County, Mo.

**Alvarado-Bonilla** also pleaded guilty to being found in the United States on June 9, 2005, after having been previously deported on April 12, 2004.

**Rojas-Magana** also pleaded guilty to illegally entering the United States and being found in Camden County on June 9, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Camden County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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